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Re: Protocol resubmission

To the editor,

I have submitted a revised version of the protocol paper, “The Cambridge Centre for Ageing and Neuroscience (Cam-CAN) study protocol: A cross-sectional, lifespan, multidisciplinary examination of healthy cognitive ageing”

I detail the requests we received from your office for revision and our responses below:

1. Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

   We have expanded our previous statement about consent to the current form of words on line 211-213: “Prior to the interview individuals give written informed consent for the study and record linkage. Individuals who lack the capacity to give consent are not included. Written informed consent is also given by participants at each session for Stages 2 and 3.”

2. Research involving human subjects (including human material or human data) that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html). A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

   We have added the following statement on line 161-163:

   “This study is conducted in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration, and has been approved by the local ethics committee, Cambridgeshire 2 Research Ethics Committee (reference: reference 10/H0308/50).”

I hope that all your concerns for revisions have now been addressed and this protocol paper can be published. Thank you for your consideration,

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